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THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ZAMBIAN DAILY MAIL TODAY COMMENTS ON THE ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE FOR A SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA AND REJECTS THE HOLDING OF FREE ELECTIONS IN THAT COUNTRY AS PART OF ANY SETTLEMENT.

THE PAPER SAYS SINCE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT XESCALATED THE LIBERATION WAR IN RHODESIA TO "THE DOOR STEPS OF THE ENEMY", INTERESTED PARTIES HAVE BEEN ACTIVE "IN FINDING SOLUTIONS" TO THE RHODESIAN PROBLEMS.

"WITH THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY THE PARTIES CONCERNED IN ZQRNEST, IT IS ALSO TIME THE INTERESTS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ARE ALSO CONSIDERED IN EARNEST," THE MAIL EDITORIAL SAYS.

ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER, IT IS BECAUSE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS A POWER TO RECKON WITH THAT EVEN THE BRITISH AND THE AMERICANS HAVE HAS TO DOUBLE UP THEIR EFFORTS TO WORK ON "WHAT IS NOW KNOWN AS AN ANGLO-AMERICAN EFFORT."

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THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS HAVE FOR THEIR OBJECTIVE WHAT HAS BEEN CALLED FREE ELECTIONS THROUGH WHICH THE PEOPLE OF RHODESIA CAN ELECT A GOVERNMENT OF THEIR CHOICE, THE EDITORIAL NOTES.

SAYS THE MAIL: "IF THERE IS TO BE AN ELECTION, IT HAS TO INVOLVE THE PATRIOTIC FORNT AND REGRETTABLY THE ESTABLISHED BLACK STOOGES

OF THE WHITES LIKE BISHOP ABEL MUZOREWA AND THE REVEREND NDABANINGI SITHOLE."

THESE ELECTIONS WILL ALSO BE HELD WITH THE FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY WILL BE FUNDED BY AFRICA'S INVETERATE ENEMY, THE SOUTH AFRICANS, CONTENDES THE MAIL.

THE EDITORIAL SAY WHEN "STOOGES" LIKE BISHOP MUZOREWA AND REVEREND SITHOLE "WIN ENOUGH SEATS TO FORCE EVEN A COALITION GOVERNMENT, THEY WILL BE IN AS AGENTS OF SOUTH AFRICANS". THIS, ACCORDING TO THE MAIL, IS EXPECTING TOO MUCH FROM THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.

"THIS IS BECAUSE IF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT DO NOT GRAB ALL POWER FROM THE START, OTHERS WILL. AND IN THIS CASE, THE MUZOREWAS AND THE SITHOLES. AND THE MUZOREWAS AND THE SITHOLES WILL BE GRABBING WHAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAD FOUGHT FOR," SAYS THE PAPER.

THE EDITORIAL GOES ON: "WHATEVER THE VIEWS OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRIME MINISTER JAMES CALLAGHAN, THE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION IN RHODESIA ARE THAT THE PARTIOTIC FORNT HAVE PUT INTO THE WAR IN RHODESIA TOO MUCH OF THEIR BLOOD AND ROUGH WORK TO BE DENIED THE PRIZE OF THE WAR THROUGH SUCH IRRELEVANCES AS THE SO-CALLED FREE ELECTIONS."

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THE MAIL CONTENTS THAT THERE IS NOWHERE IN THE HISTORY OF NATIONALIST STRUGGLES WHERE ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN A CONDITION FOR A RETURN TO NORMAL POLITICAL ACTIVITY BEFORE THE WAR ENDS. IN THE VIEW OF THE MAIL, THE AMERICANS AND THE BRITISH SHOULD IMPRESS UPON THE WHITES IN RHODESIA "TO GIVE UP THE GAME NOW BECAUSE THEY JUST CANNOT WIN."

ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, DR. SITEKE MWALE HAS SAID THAT HE DOES NOT SEE HOW THE CURRENT ANGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE FOR THE TRANSFER OF POWER IN RHODESIA CAN SUCCEED WITHOUT FIRST REMOVING THE CAUSE OF THE CONFLICT.

YESTERDAY HE TOLD THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL DELEGATION VISITING HERE THAT SINCE ALL PEACEFUL EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE RHODESIA CONFLICT HAD FAILED, ZAMBIA HAD TO SUPPORT THE LIBERATION WAR.

DR. MWALE SAID RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA WERE NOW SITTING ON A TIME-BOMB WHICH COULD EXPLODE ANY TIME. HE SAID THE BRITISH ADMISTRATION HAD DISAPPOINTED ZAMBIA BECAUSE IT SAID ONE THING AND DID ANOTHER.

THE TIMES AND THE MAIL ALSO REPORT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE

TOLD THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL DELEGATION THAT THE EHTIOPIA-SOMALI
BORDER PROBLEM IS BEING COMPLICATED BY EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE.

DR. MWALE SAID ZAMBIA BELIEVED THAT THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE SOLVED
WITHIN THE AFRICAN CONTEXT, WITHOUT ANY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE.
HE DID NOT ELABORATE. HE SAID ZAMBIA WOULD CONSIDER ANY
PROPOSAL TO MEDIATE IN THE CONFLICT.

THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA CARRIES A REUTERS DISPATCH FROM NEW DELHI
REPORTING THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA S SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR POLITICAL
AFFAIRS MARK CHONA, HAS SAID THAT "THERE WAS NO REASON FOR
OPTIMISM OVER THE CURRENT AMGLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE."

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT MR. CHONA POINTED TO THE INCREASED
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MILITARY MOBILIZATION BY THE SMITH REGIME AS INDICATIVE OF WHITE
RHODESIA S UNCHANGED ATTITUDE REGARDING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION.
"ARMED STRUGGLE WAS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE NOW FOR THE RHODESIAN
PEOPLE," SAID MR. CHONA. ITEM USIS LUSAKA.
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